

Albemarle County Public Schools

Legislative Advocacy Talking Points

These talking points combine priorities from both the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) and the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA). They reflect areas of agreement to support advocacy by the Albemarle County School Board.

Fund What the State Requires

If the state mandates something, it should pay for it. Local boards need flexibility to use funds in ways that meet their students' needs.

Keep Decisions Local

Local school boards know their communities best. They should keep control over operations, collective bargaining, and how to implement new laws.

Pay and Support Teachers

Raise teacher pay above the national average, make licenses easier to earn, and help with student loans, childcare, and housing so we can keep great teachers.

Invest in Student Wellness

Increase funding for counselors and mental health providers. Every school needs resources to support the emotional and physical well-being of students.

Modernize Schools

Virginia must invest in new and renovated school buildings. Give localities more tools to raise funds for construction and modernization.

Make Funding Fair

Update state formulas so funding reflects real costs. Use a three-year average for local wealth measures and cover central office and facilities staff costs.

Smarter Testing and Accountability

Balance mastery with student growth. Allow flexibility in SOL testing, alternative assessments for students with special needs, and earlier test dates.

Expand College and Career Paths

Support dual enrollment, CTE programs, and work-based learning with more state funding so every student can graduate ready for college or a career.